Motley Drinks of Paris

Absinthe's Green Has Been Followed by Many Hued Drugged Concoctions

Paris, July 26.—There was nothing for a friend. Would some one get this mauve in the mentality of Mr. Munn, 11; French note changed at the cashier's kaneas banker, when he sat beneath the desk iuside? I" in the word "Paix" of the flapping wning sign of that famous café of Paris. He bought a mauve drink, with tinkling Each hesitated out of superdelicacy

"You take it!"

"No. you!"



'AT 6 P. M. ALL LIFE WAS BRILLIANT, ALL FEMININITY BEAUTIFUL, EYES SO BIG, CHEEKS, HAIR, HATS AND GOWNS SO DAZZLING. EVERY ONE WAS YOUNG AND GAY."

fee; it seemed as weak as a lemon squash till the man with the big note said:

Those sidewalk tables, filled with agree- changed. Come along with me, you two, able fellow tourists, are as good for im- and talk French for me. Mr. Munn and promptu conversations as a steamer deck. George will keep a lookout for my friend. The Kansas banker was soon discussing He is a tall, spare, redheaded, smoothpauperism on the East Side. His new faced man in a light gray suit."



"AS SOON AS I HAVE DONE A LIT-TLE MORE REFLECTING I WILL BUY THE BOULEVARD," HE SALD. "AND GIVE IT TO THESE CHARM-ING PEOPLE.

friends confessed to being rich and idle e patriates, and in a flash of tardy charity they were talking about giving Mr. Munn .000 francs to take back with him to disong the worthy New York poo Mr. Munn had an idea; he also would

contribute. He pulled out money; so did they or they, and so did he he is not sure; but the idea was natural to swell the funds in his hands by 2,000 francs of his own money. He could always take it back. Another American, enthused by verhearing so philanthropic a conversation, came along and took an old rose drink. But Mr. Munn insists that his was only Evian water with mauve

"Flavor of sweet plums," he said. He was the sweet plum.

The French banknotes were on the table Receipts were exchanged and documents and money were put into a large yellow envelope for Mr. Munn. The new man desired to add 1,500 france, but dared not mit the sidewalk; he was on the lookout

THE ONE BEST PLAY

and Spoiled a Straight Flush.

"Oh, I'll ge myself and get my money They went.

Mr. Munn, with the yellow envelope full of other people's money in his pocket. scanned the human river tranquilly. He thought no harm when Ceorge said: Those fellows must be wrestling with a French verb; me to the rescue!"

No one came back of course; the yellow envelope proved to contain no money, and Mr. Munn's 2,000 francs had disappeared with the rest; simple variation of the green goods substitution of varises. The Paris boule and is the only place in the world where such things still happen

to men of intelligence. But why? Mauve drinks: old rose drinks, mol-all it is the prototype of all these fancy ten gold drinks; orange, garnet, olive tintel refreshments of the Boulevard that green that thickens to an opalescent sage tend to dope as much as to drink and and clears to aquamarine with glints of give such tovely feelings; but wait.

diamonds, rubies steady, steady. The bunco of the Boulevard is always at her conquests of Algiers, the alcoholic due to these strange drinks, against which preparation of absinthe obtained vogue in alceholic seasoning is no safeguard. I army circles against fever and as a reknew the Honorable Harold, third son of fresher in hot climates. an Earl, and three times through the South | So the green drink came to Paris and Kensington gold cure. Three fingers of decades passed before special inconveni-



GOBLET THAT SHOULD LAST HALF AN HOUR,"

the ambrosia of the Incas thrice repeated ence was attributed to it. The earliest

against the bird of paradise? "straight," without admixture of water. Orinoco had red feathers on wings, neck feet were on fire twice a week.

ACCORDING TO WHICH THE RIGHT

QUANTITY OF IT CAUSED ALFRED

TO FIND THE CITY DIRECTORY

LYRICAL AND RICHLY RHYM-

and head, so dilettanti add a dozen drops

In old fashioned pharmacle its tea was

a stomachic, anti-acid, anti-pusrid, febri-

fuge and vermifuge and stimulant. Above

Some sixty years ago, when France was

of currant syrup.

made him rise and "feel for the place on the wall." while his friend the Captain and Meunier date back only forty years; lay down to rest in the hotel hallway. and it was pure absinthe essence that La-Any one could take their money. Tourists borde administered to his guinea pigs. losing sums leave out the detail of the The dog experiments of Magnan proved of anise and badian to give it the quality

mauve drink, not from shame but be- absinthe to be a reliable convulsive poi- of opalescent whitening when water cause it seemed so innocent. son. Shortly afterward Lancereaux i • In a word, the tourists of the world are gan experimenting with it on men, a few warned against one color; they respect the victims beginning to arrive at his clinics. parrot, while they listen half scared to its The absinthe fiend of early days was very the other. To the percentage of the song; but who will put them on guard much of a curiosity and certainly a great absinthe essence that remained Cadeac exception. He distinguished himself and Meunier disclosed that there had been Technically the style of drink called from the vuigar alcoholic by the convul- added oils of fennel, hyssop, anise, badithe parrot is a liqueur glass of green ab- sive crisis and weird conceits of an im- an, balm mint (melisse), angelica, iridin sinthe drunk green, that is to say aginative nature whose type was to be and mint, all green or greenish golden. temporary and recurring. Thus a former But as the true conversationalist of the Governor of Algiers was certain that his are stupefacents, producing as a final

In those days it was only absinthe ory, loss of will, stupidity. steeped in alcohol. As years went on it became more complicated, until the Répertoire Général de Pharmacie was obliged to change its definition to an ex-

Absinthe-The drink vulgarly called ab-



"VERY," REPLIED THE WAITER, Its looks because it matched his tie. "AND THE MORE YOU PUT IN P. M.

"Is it temperance?" he asked at 3:30

effect is a complicated well being of body and soul, difficult to describe, that has eleven years," the real estate man told

Certainly French geniuses, from Paul was persuading a policeman to help him de Kock and Beaudehire to Maupassant count a wad of notes on the sidewalk and Verlaine, turned to the green drink table.

sinthe, as universally consumed in France to-day, is no longer made exclusively from the absinthe which should form its base It is an alcoholate colored with spinach. parsley, hyssop, tincture of curcuma, indige

The green devil had been reenforced by seven other devils, each worse than

Three, absinthe, fennel and hyssop, result a tendency to torpor, loss of mem-

Of course the immediate and desired



WATER, IT IS MORE SO."

ever made this sort of essential oil and the waiter at 4 P. M. At 5 he was exdrug drink a temptation of geniuses and plaining it to a stranger; by 5:30 he had

for inspiration. A few years ago one was the brightest of a galaxy of young poets most of whom are now famous.

But he wanders in a park behind high eyes so big, cheeks, hair, hats and gowns

than the parrot. Many of the essential vermouths. He enters the café aged, oils of modern absinthe were retained broken, shaky, sniffing, drooling, waxy in subtle combinations with new nerve faced and wrinkled; sips his four tots of lullabys, each softer, sweeter, brighter. Hercules dope while reading two news-

walls, ever fearing to offend, pursued by so dazzling; every one was young and gay

a mild but anxious mania of persecution. he heard happy laughter. Horses He spends his time forgiving folk around pranced, autos whizzed past, pretty shophim except when he is begging some one girls danced on to their homes and a to forgive him. Another began as the glorious red sunset promised a new dawn smartest young commission merchant of the Rue dee Petites Ecuries.

| Commission | C You may well believe that the French, within him. He was young, brilliant,

not need to be exhorted to go gently with reflecting I will buy the boulevard and

devil in it. But the distillers also understood. With the ready tact of the lime-light man who slips a pink screen in for nervous. It would throw into spasms

the heroine's love song they made that a man whose life saver is the "wine of

mauve which had been green and ruddy Hercules" loaded with strychnine, co-Question of mere color? Not entirely. caine and hyssop, yet "mere burned wine," affirm the waiters, as when they

The bird of paradise is really lovelier speak of the mass of quinquinas and

a drink that turned out to have a green give it to these characte people."

"As soon as I have done a little more

to whom such examples come home in daring, and he said:

their families or their friendships, did

deadlier than any other.

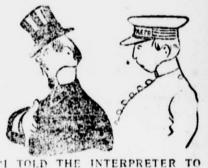
"For the Princes," bearing no hint on the stiff aged, broken, shaky, drooling, waxy, label of the cocaine it contains amid wrinkled, but he does not know it. Todthree counterbalancing stupefiers. Ab- dling along in ecstasy he feels the elixir sinthe is green with opalescent fires; of Faust work in him. the "Princes" is violet paling into lifte. This begins to explain why at 5 o'clock A staid American real estate man liked each afternoon the boulevard still has

"Very," said the waiter, "and the more you put in water it is more so."

invited four people to dinner; at 5:45 he

papers. Come back in an hour and look The dope drink had entered Paris to at him again when he starts out to take his daily turn upon the boulevard. Is it There is a drink called something like the same man? Can it be? Yes, he is

its old green hour, only it is of all colors.



FOLLOW ME. HE STOOD RE-SPECTFULLY AT MY BACK FIF-TEEN MINUTES AND THEN GEN-TLY PUSHED ME DOWN INTO MY

spoons, the lumps of sugar, the gay colored syrups, the carafes of water.

Thus the boulevard reeks with a hun-. dred elixirs, amers, cocas, quinines, bitters, vermouths, absinthes, absinthoids, "ambresias" and "sherbets," "for kings" or "of the Rosierucians," all "aperatifs" or "openers" of appetite, because merciful theory and saving practice have it that their only hour or two is that before dinner mixed with water on an empty stomach. But for this limitation half France would have died

As things are twenty-eight scientific memoirs on the subject were presented to the Academy of Medicine in 1810. This year the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, awarded prizes to four memoirs

on this "national peril."

already raving crazy.



DEVILS, EACH WORSE THAN THE OTHER."

IN DRAW POKER

Gillian Threw Away His Third Ace One of the prettiest plays I ever saw in too, though there was a marked card in toker" said a veteran player in the the deck and he knew that he was going smoking room of his club while the party to get it in the draw. Moreover, it was waiting for two or three others to come in and make up a game, "was in the ace of clubs and he had the three marked card did not appear either in the deal or in the draw. Farrell put up said, "I companie several years ago. It was at "Sounds fishy, doesn't if? Well listen."

'IT WAS PURE ABSINTHE ESSENCE

TO HIS GUINEA PIGS."

THAT LABORDE ADMINISTERED

"THE PARROT WHICH ONE STRANGLES

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The weather for content that he does not be seen of the same of th